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## **PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD SET FOR EAST ELLIOTT**

SAN DIEGO – What action is the Army taking to protect the public from munitions left behind at WWII-era training sites? The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, in partnership with the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, Ala., is holding public meetings on Oct. 24 and 26 for ordnance and explosives (OE) removal actions in northern San Diego. This work will be in the East Elliot portion of the former Camp Elliott, a Marine Corps artillery firing range in the 1940s and 1950s.

The Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a report evaluating the occurrence of OE at the site, north of Mission Trails Regional Park and west of the City of Santee. This report, the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analyses (EE/CA), also presents recommendations for OE removal actions in East Elliott.

The public meetings will be presented in an open house format with displays that describe the report development process, provide an overview of the site and actions taken to date, and present recommendations for future actions. Representatives from the Corps will be available to discuss the alternatives considered and the subsequent analysis that led to the recommended actions. Public comments are being solicited to help the Corps in selecting the final alternatives.

“The public will have an opportunity to comment on the alternatives and the EE/CA and ask questions about OE at the site. These comments will help us come to a final recommendation,” said Brad McCowan of the Corps of Engineers. The public meetings will kick off a 30-day public comment period for the EE/CA, which will continue until Nov. 25. Copies of the EE/CA are available in the information repositories at the Tierrasanta Branch of the San Diego City Library and the Santee Branch of the San Diego County Library.

The first public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Santee City Hall, 10601 Magnolia, Building 8, in Santee. A second public meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park, 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail, in San Diego.